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Filed: August 8, 2001	§	
For: PLATFORM INDEPENDENT TELECOLLABORATION MEDICAL ENVIRONMENTS	§	Atty. Docket: GEMS:0136/YOD/SWA/ 15-SV-5654

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1. I am a co-inventor of record of the above-referenced application.

2. My residence address is set forth below, along with my signature.

3. We conceived the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application at least as early as March 2000. This conception is evidenced by the document labeled "GE Medical Systems: Mercury," which includes a description of the platform independent telecollaboration environments as set forth in the claims of the above-referenced application. This document was prepared at least as early as March 2000. A true and redacted copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. We actually reduced to practice the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application at least as early as March 2000. This actual reduction to practice is

also evidenced by the document labeled "GE Medical Systems: Mercury," which records successful completion of a prototype of the platform independent telecollaboration environments at least as early as March 2000.

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Develop Prototype:

- 1º - To enable telecollaboration between customers and OLEs for sited DI systems with network connectivity
- 2º - To maximize system uptime and minimize downtime (process and equipment) through an increased rate of remote service.

BUSINESS CASE

Benefits:

- Modality independent solution
- Positive impact on customer's operating model
- Timely and value-added OEM response

Potential Financial Impact:

- Revenue growth with new offering
- Lower operating cost for apps support
- Increased market share

SCOPE

In Scope:

- IRIX platform
- Remote control standards into LifeCycle/2 Service System Requirements as input to modality roadmaps.
- Architecture risk retirement

Out of Scope:

- Product Requirements
- Formal product design
- Formal Product Business Case

PROJECT TEAM and MILESTONES

Team Members:

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- [redacted]

- ☑ R0 03/16/00
- ☑ R1 06/21/00
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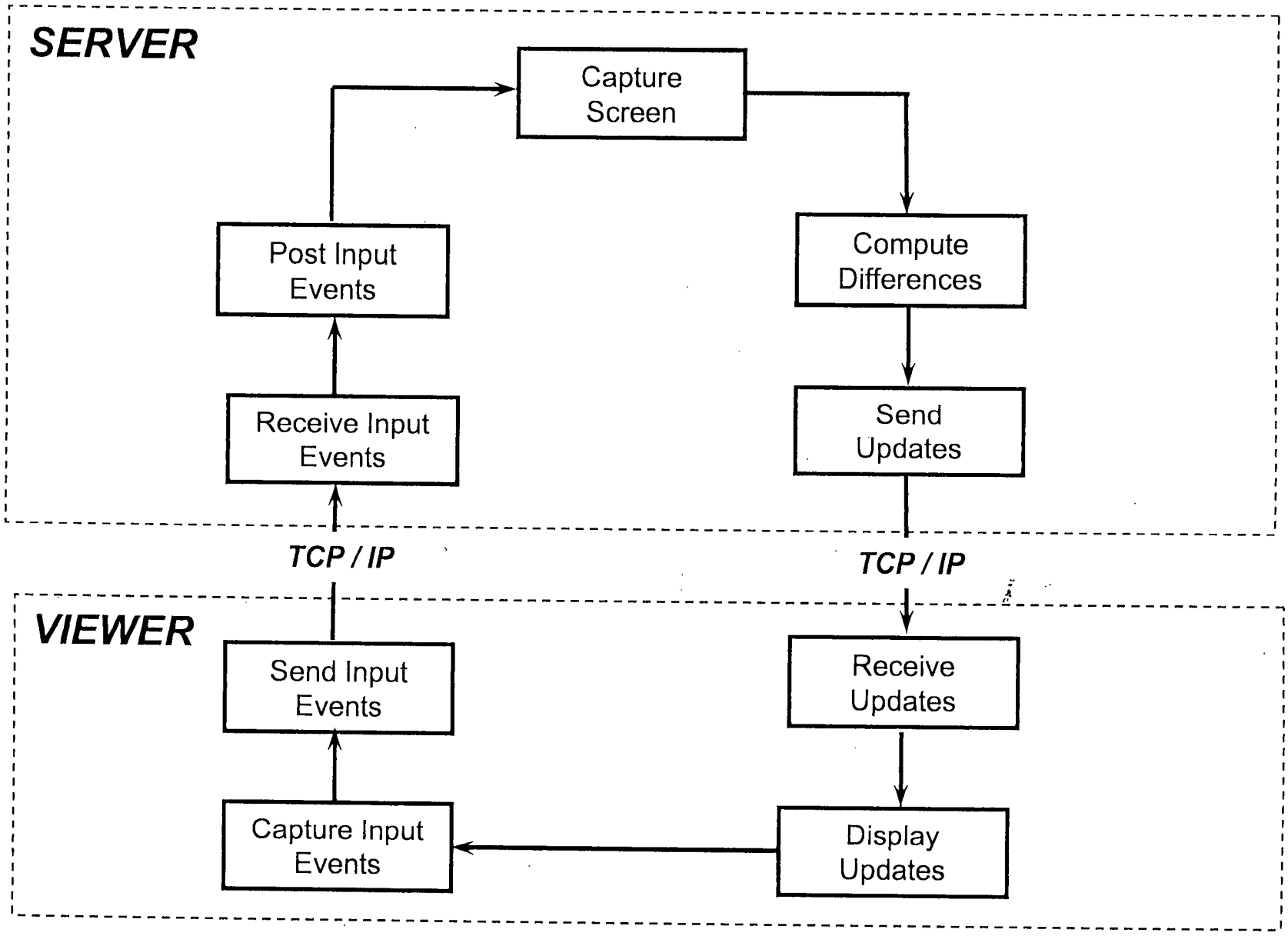

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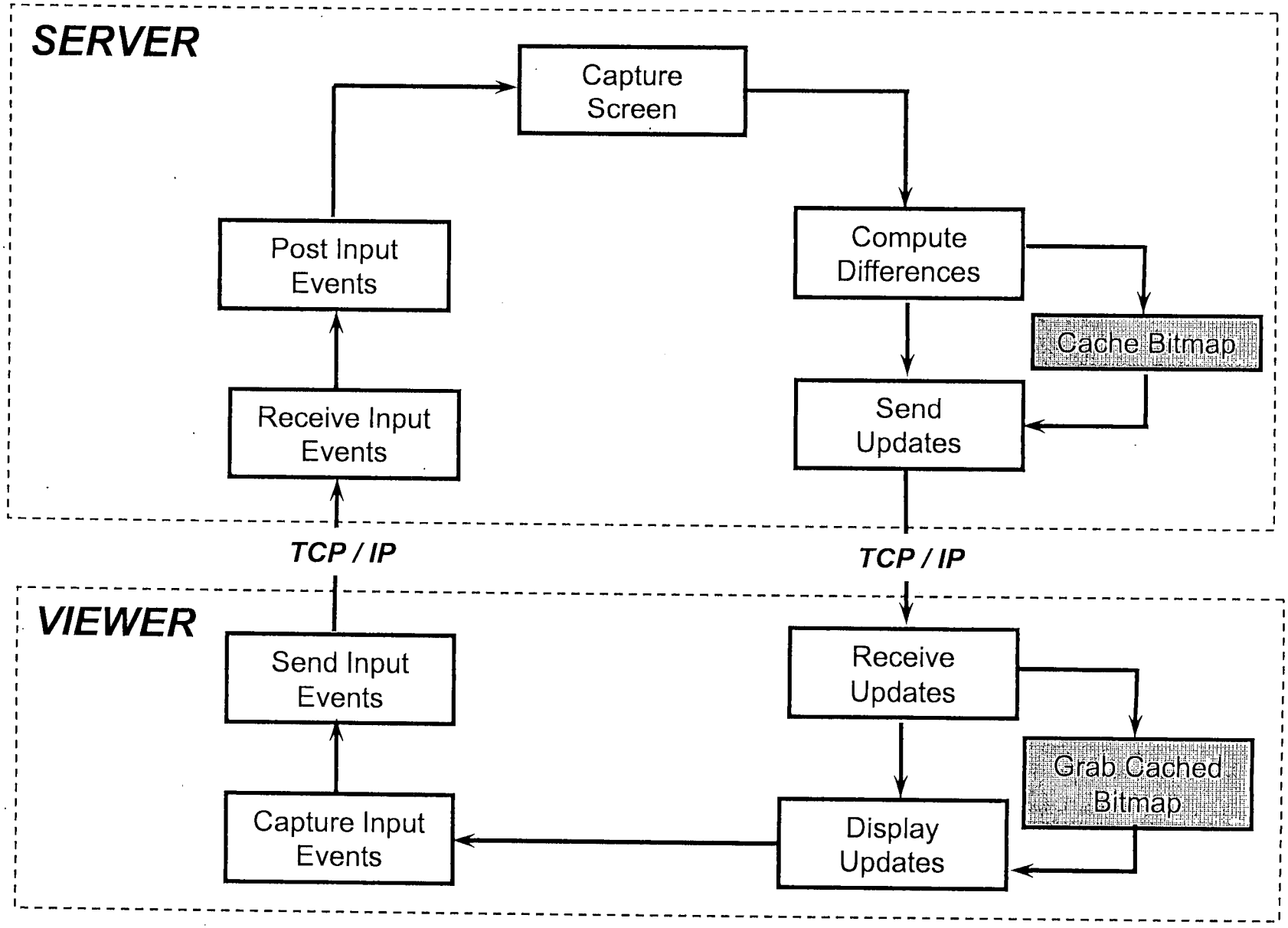

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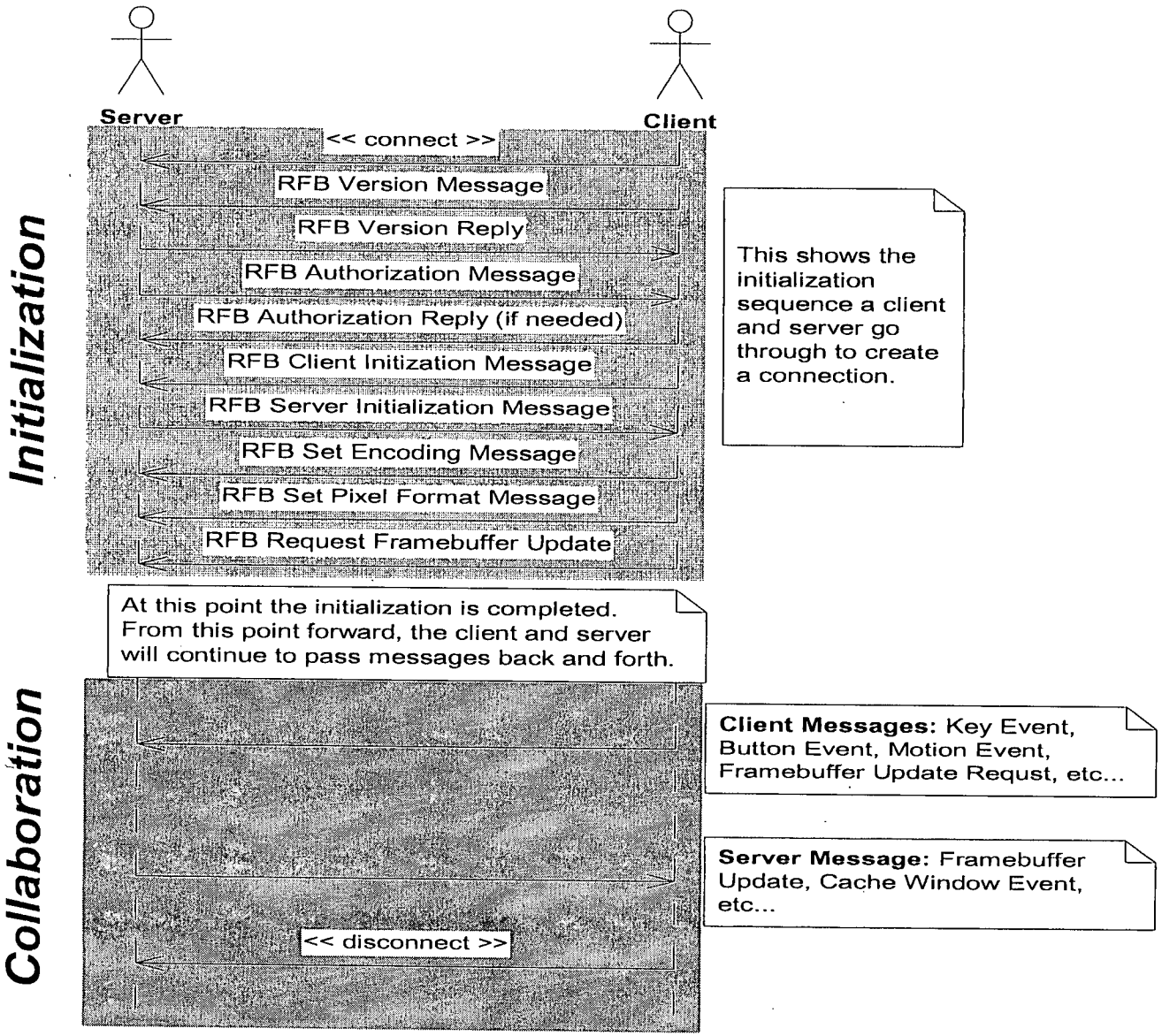

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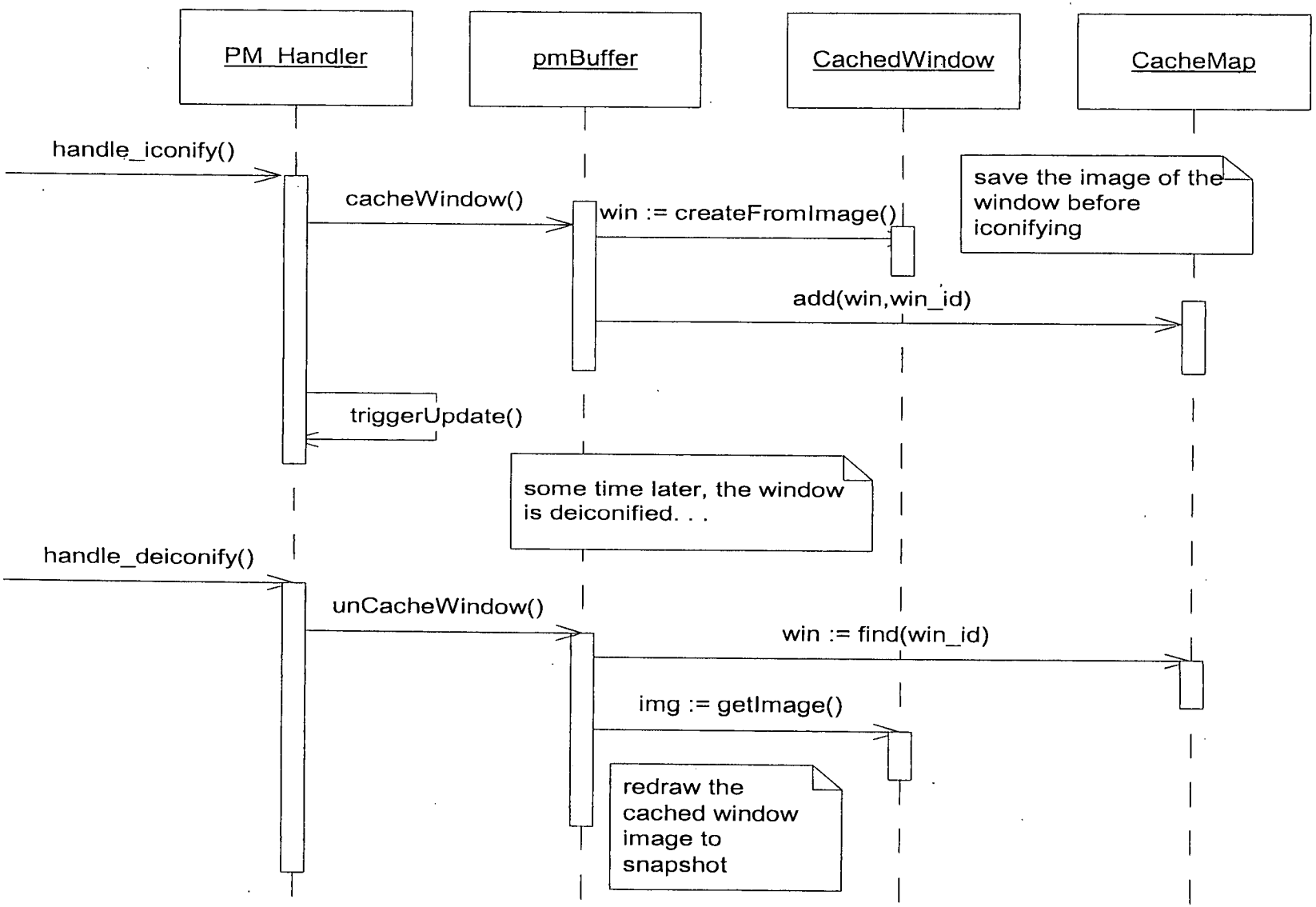

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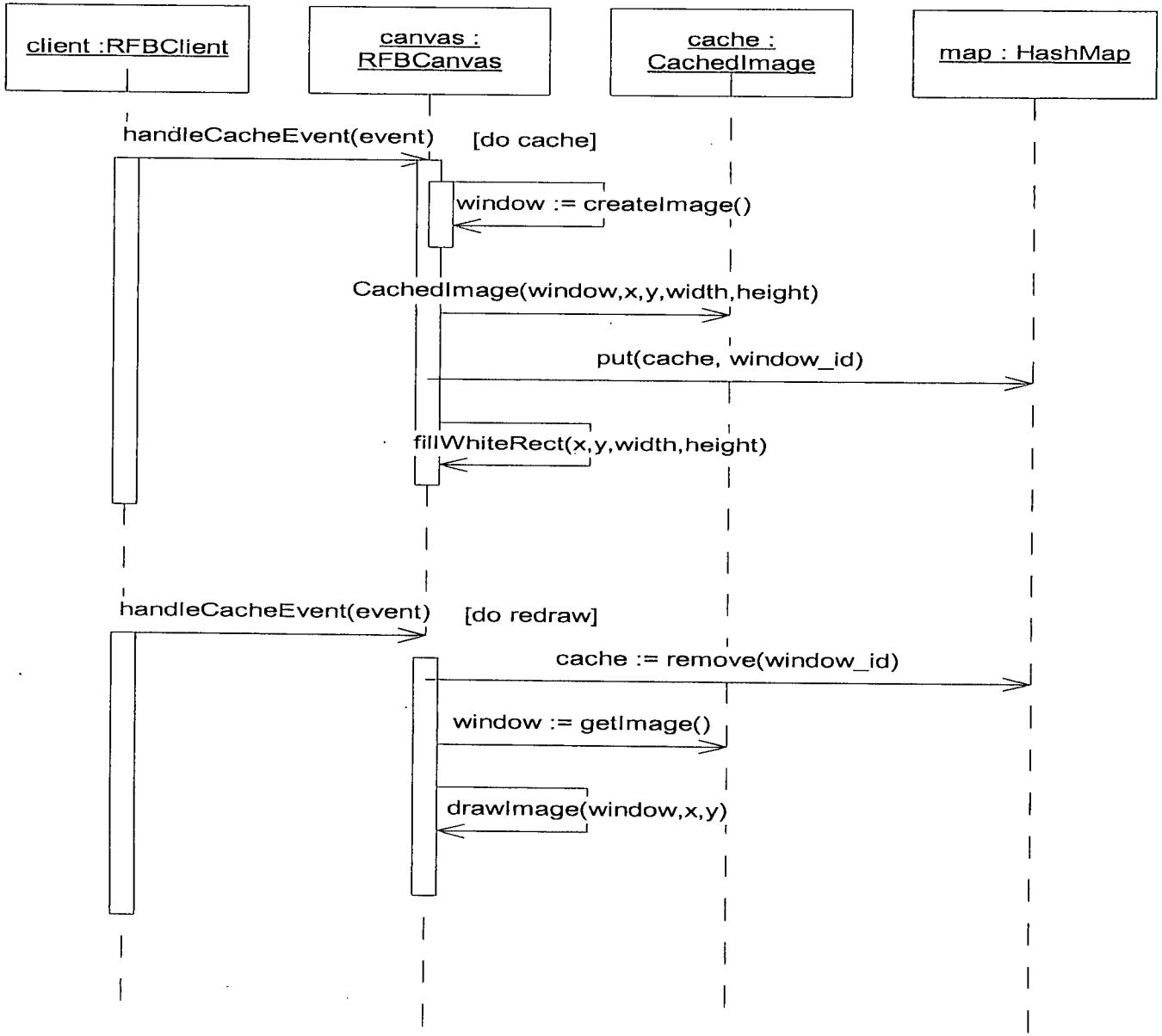

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